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## Student Stipends Available



The CSUN Department of Special Education has received over \$1,000,000 in federal & state grants to support the preparation of special educators that include financial support to students:

- **SPED Intern Grant**, with stipends of \$500 each semester to support interns
- **ACT** federal grant, with stipends of up to \$5,500 to support ACT Level I credential candidates in the full-time program
- **TEC** federal grant, with stipends of up to \$5,000 a year to support secondary interns in mild/moderate disabilities
- **SOS** federal grant, with stipends of up to \$6,000 a year to support credential candidates in moderate/severe disabilities
- The **CULTURE in ECSE** federal grant, with stipends of up to \$6,000 a year to support Early Childhood Special Education Level II/MA students
- **TEAMS**, with stipends of \$4,725 a year for Level II credential candidates

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## About The Department

- 17 full-time and over 40 part-time faculty providing leadership, scholarship, and mentoring to students
- Over 200 Level I credential candidates and 80 MA students graduate each year
- Accreditation by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Community outreach through the Family Focus Resource and Empowerment Center and the Special Education Literacy Laboratory

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## Special Education

### Credential Programs:

- **Level I Education Specialist Credential with an English Learner (EL) Authorization**  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
Early Childhood Special Education  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities  
Moderate/Severe Disabilities
- **Level II Education Specialist Credential**  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
Early Childhood Special Education  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities  
Moderate/Severe Disabilities

### Master of Arts Degree Program in:

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Early Childhood/Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Educational Therapy
- Mild/Moderate Disabilities
- Moderate/Severe Disabilities

### Certificate Programs:

- Resource Specialist Certificate
- Post-Master's Certificate in Educational Therapy



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# California State University Northridge

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## The Department of SPECIAL EDUCATION

*Preparing Special Educators to Provide  
High Quality Services in the Community*

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## Interested In A Career In Special Education?



### California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Has A Program For You!

The **Department of Special Education** at California State University, Northridge offers Credential and Master's degree programs for professionals who work with infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities and their families. All programs focus on preparing highly qualified special educators to serve culturally and linguistically diverse learners.

The **Level I Credential Programs** emphasize beginning child and family-focused competencies for the educator of children with special needs.

**Level II Credential Programs** address more advanced child, school and community-focused competencies for the educator of children with special needs.

The **Master's Degree Program** builds upon the competencies developed in the Special Education Credential Programs, preparing students for positions of leadership, advocacy and scholarship in schools, the community, and within the overall profession of Special Education.

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## CSUN Offers Education Specialist Level I Preliminary And Level II Programs In:

- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH)**, teaching in the deaf and hard-of-hearing area; authorizes service to individuals ages birth to 22.
- **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**, serving children birth to pre-kindergarten with mild, moderate, severe, or multiple disabilities and their families.
- **Mild/Moderate Disabilities (MM)**, teaching K-12 students with specific learning disabilities, mild to moderate intellectual and other health impairments, and emotional disturbance; authorizes service in grades K-12 and for adults through age 22.
- **Moderate/Severe Disabilities (MS)**, teaching K-12 students with severe autism, multiple impairments, moderate to severe intellectual impairment, deaf-blindness and emotional disturbance; authorizes service in grades K-12 and for adults through age 22.

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## CSUN Provides Alternative Pathways To Pursue A Preliminary Credential

1. **Traditional Program**, a post BA program for candidates in non-teaching or teaching positions interested in flexible scheduling.
  2. **Intern Program**, post BA two-year program (including summers) designed for teachers who are eligible for an intern credential and are hired in a cooperating school district.
  3. **Accelerated Collaborative Teacher (ACT)** program, a post BA full time two-semester (MM), three-semester (MS) or four-semester (DHH) program, offered collaboratively with District 2 in the Los Angeles Unified School District.
  4. **Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)** (DHH, MM, MS), undergraduate program with candidates beginning as freshmen or entering the two-year option as transfer students, earning their credential and bachelor's degree in liberal studies concurrently.
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## Why CSUN?

### High Quality

CSUN is recognized nationally for its reputation in providing high quality preparation programs for special educators.



- Programs emphasize the application of evidence-based research through coursework linked to supervised field experiences.
- Faculty provide individualized advisement and mentoring.

### Affordable



- Significantly lower than many other institutions.
- Stipends, forgiveness loans, and/or financial aid are available.

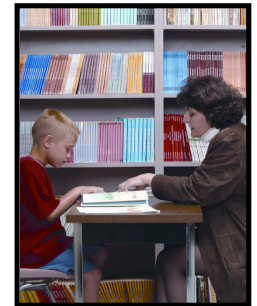


### Flexible

- Multiple pathways for full-time, part-time, and on-the-job students.
- Most courses offered in the late afternoon and evening.
- Traditional, online and hybrid courses.

### Innovative Models

- The **CHIME Institute** Provides three nationally recognized model sites (preschool, elementary and middle) that demonstrate best practices in inclusive education and offer field experiences for credential students.



- The **Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center** at the **Special Education Literacy Laboratory** are part of the College's Teaching, Learning & Counseling (TLC) Consortium, providing innovative clinical training and community service.
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